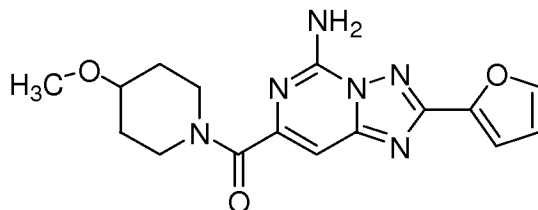


a.) REMARKS

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner has requested that Applicants elect for prosecution one of the inventions (Groups I-IX) noted on pages 2-3 of the Office Action.

In response, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the invention of Group I (claims 1-28 are drawn to [1,2,4]triazolo[1,5-c]pyrimidine compounds of formula (I) when R³ represents formula (A3).

The Examiner further requires that applicants select a single species from the elected group for search purposes to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. In response, Applicants hereby identify Compound 144 as a single species for formula (I).



Compound 144 is found at specification page 86. Claims 1, 2, 16-20 and 22-37 read on the selected species.

Entry hereof is earnestly solicited.

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